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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Jean-Claude Lancien) Examiner: D. Bochna
on A SPACER FOR PUTTING INTO PLACE) Group Art Unit: 3679
A TUBULAR ELEMENT)
Serial No.: 10/643,844)
Filing Date: August 19, 2003) (Docket No. 6980-0001)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

and REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant requests a one-month extension of time, to December 25, 2004,
for filing a Response to the Office Action of August 25, 2004.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.